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Saturday, April 16:

2:30-3:30 p.m. - Mississippi River Water Dance, Mud Island River Walk, Memphis

Monday, April 18:

10 a.m. - Tree Appreciation Walk, meet at Quad fountain

Tuesday, April 19:

1 p.m. - Tree Appreciation Walk, meet at Quad fountain
6 p.m. - "End of Suburbia" film screening, Mississippi Sustainable Agriculture Network and Sustainable Oxford office, 68 Highway 334

Wednesday, April 20:

10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Sustainability Fair, Ole Miss Student Union Plaza
4 p.m. - "Something in Our Water: Perspectives on Flint, Jackson and Environmental Racism in America" panel, Overby Center Auditorium

Thursday, April 21:

11 a.m. - Brunch and Bloom free lunch, UM Campus Garden
7 p.m. - Earth Day Keynote Speech: Linda Hogan, Overby Center Auditorium

Friday, April 22:

7:30-9 a.m., 5:30-7 p.m. - Guided Earth Day nature and yoga hikes, South Campus Rail Trail
Noon - Arbor Day Tree Planting, Lyceum Circle across from Brevard Hall.

Sunday, April 24:

6-8 p.m. - Sustainable Oxford Forum and Potluck, Powerhouse.



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Oxford and the University of Mississippi are prepping for the annual celebration of Green Week starting this Saturday with events that can to appeal to a range of students.

Joe Scott, Green Week marketing and communications intern,

said he loves how Green Week provides unique opportunities for students, faculty and staff to come together to get involved and learn more about sustainability.

"My favorite part of Green Week is the cooperation and the involvement that it generates in the campus community," Scott said.

The first event of the week will be off-campus. The Mississippi River Water Dance will kick off

2:30 p.m. on Saturday on Mud Island River in Memphis. The event is organized by the Mississippi Dance Company and the Green Fund as a part of the National Water Dance Movement.

The first on-campus event is the Tree Trail Walk, a tour of campus trees guided by a licensed arborist. Kendall McDonald, fellow for the UM Office of Sustainability, said the walk will take place twice -

Monday at 10 a.m. and Tuesday at 1 p.m. The groups will meet in front of the fountain in the Quad.

The Mississippi Sustainable Agriculture Network and Sustainable Oxford will host the movie "End of Suburbia" from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday night at their local office on Highway 338.

McDonald said she likes the va-

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Professor John Czarnetzky has worn multiple hats during his lifetime - student, athlete, officer, lawyer, husband, teacher. He now has a new one to add to his collection after being awarded the 2016 Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teaching Award.

Widely regarded as one of the most engaging professors at the University, Czarnetzky was awarded the 2016 Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teaching Award last Thursday during the 73rd annual Honors Day Convocation. Czarnetzky teaches in the University of Mississippi School of Law, which he has been a part of since 1994.

The Elsie M. Hood Outstanding Teaching Award recognizes an exceptional professor each year nominated by faculty, students and alumni. The award started in 1965 and is one of the highest honors a professor can receive. It is sponsored by the family of Elsie M. Hood, the Alumni Association and the Chancellor's Office.

"I was in the car with my dear wife when I noticed I had a message on my cellphone from the chancellor," Czarnetzky said. "I had not met Chancellor Vitter formally, much less given him my cellphone number, so my first reaction was a bit of worry."

Czarnetzky was shocked when Vitter informed him of the honor.

"For me, the Elsie Hood Award is the highest award the University bestows on a professor," Czarnetzky said. "I am filled with joy and humility at the kind words of students and colleagues, and to join the outstanding group of past recipients of this honor."

Czarnetzky attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he played football and earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He went on to be an officer in the United States Army before going to law school at the University of Virginia. After earn-

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Charter school expansion bill sent to governor

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JACKSON - Students at low-performing Mississippi schools will be able to cross district lines to attend charter schools under a bill passed by the Mississippi Senate and sent to the governor this week.

"I'm focused on the child, not the school," said Sen. Gray Tollison, R-Oxford, who authored the bill. "My argument is, if the parents of the children going to the traditional school are not happy, just like a private school parent wasn't happy with the Jackson schools, why wouldn't a family of low income have that same option not to go to a poor-performing school? Why should we leave them trapped in that chronically

failing school?"

Charter schools are publicly-funded independent schools established by teachers, parents or community groups. The current state law, enacted in 2013, allows students to attend charter schools only in their district unless they go through an elaborate process required for a switch.

The new bill would allow students attending public schools rated as C, D or F to cross district lines for charter schools. The bill, SB 2161, passed the Senate last week on a vote of 24-21.

After a motion on Monday to reconsider, the Senate voted 26-24 on Wednesday to send the bill without any changes to Gov. Phil Bryant for his signature. He is expected to sign the bill.

Tollison, chair of the Senate

Education Committee, said the important factors are to have a strong, unified charter authorizing board and to quickly close schools that aren't working. Charter schools that don't perform are much easier to close than traditional failing public schools, he said.

But many say the new law will have a negative impact on education in the state. DeSoto County Superintendent Cory Uselton is one of the school administrators opposed to the legislation.

"Charter schools were initially only for F schools," Uselton said. "And now it appears to be C, D and F."

Uselton said it is possible there may be future attempts to include

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Parents' Campaign Executive Director Nancy Loomes sits at her desk in Jackson, Miss. last week.

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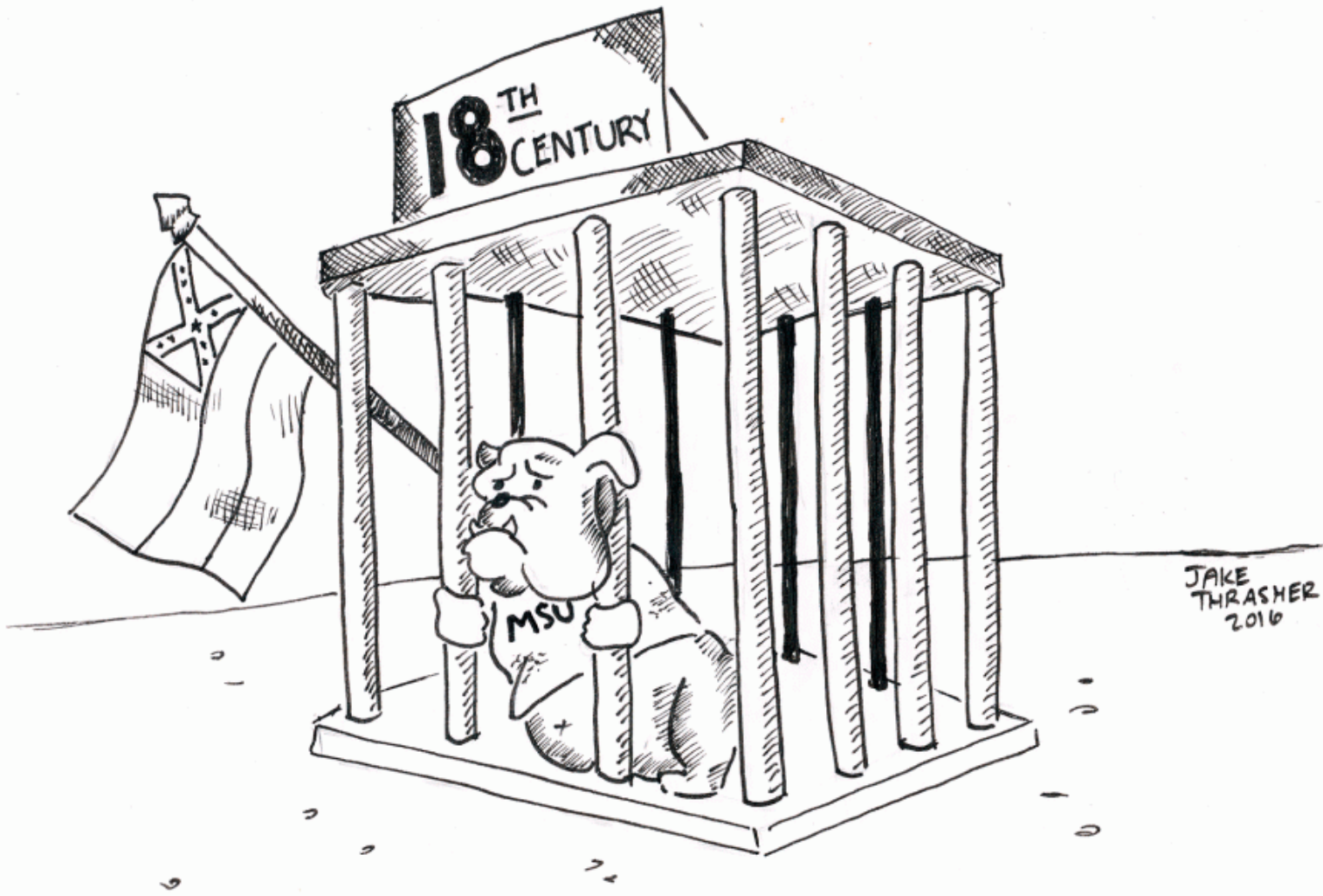
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“MSU still can’t decide if they want to join Ole Miss in the 21st century”



Consuming Fire Fellowship and hate speech

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Although I missed their first series of speeches on Tuesday, I listened and talked with members of the Consuming Fire Fellowship on Wednesday for a little more than two hours.

I may not have any formal training in theology, but I like to believe I am fairly knowledgeable and I, for lack of a better term, am a good Christian. However, I would like to take time to address some differences I have with their theology and a few other details regarding this “demonstration.”

Due to several side conversations with other members of the church, I missed most of the name-calling and touchy subjects such as homosexuality, pre-marital relations and abor-

tion, but I did catch their main theological standpoint.

They believe that, as born again Christians, the grace of Christ gives them the ability to resist all sin, therefore, as saved individuals, they no longer sin. I disagree with this theological idea, but it is not unheard of.

I then posed a single question: if I struggle with lying before I am saved, but after I receive grace I manage to stop lying for an undetermined period of time, what happens if I have a small relapse? Although the main speakers’ responses were never well-articulated, the individuals surrounding the “chaos circle” had very reasonable responses. These individuals and I agreed if that person disliked that lie and repented sincerely and wholeheartedly that it would not jeopardize one’s salvation. I do not find anything

wrong with this response.

I, as well as many of you, Christian or otherwise, know people make mistakes. I do not believe mistakes or some sins pose any real threat to one’s salvation so long as they do not take their spirituality for granted.

Another point of contention that I have with the Consuming Fire Fellowship is the manner in which they speak. As a Christian I do not find it kind or respectful to call individuals whores or to tell people they are going to hell.

Most people, including non-Christians, understand the concept of right and wrong and many of them likely understand the concept of hell and how we get there, from growing up in the Bible belt. I do not need someone yelling at me things I already know. The way to bring

people into the fold, so to speak, is not by yelling condemnations for their actions, but by kindly explaining to them the love of Christ.

I would also like to speak out against the reactions of the crowd. By shouting profanities and purposefully making antagonistic statements, it only validates their beliefs and makes them want to continue what they are doing.

We, as intellectuals, are supposed to be better than that. I understand that while many of their statements were antagonistic, it is up to us to take a higher road. Legitimate theological discussion is not wrong, but heckling only fuels their resolve to evangelize on college campuses.

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ing a degree in law, he practiced bankruptcy and commercial law in Chicago and Richmond, Virginia, before coming to Ole Miss.

Czarnetzky has taught courses in bankruptcy, corporate reorganization, secured transactions, civil procedure, business associations and international trade along with several undergraduate courses at the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College during his time at Ole Miss.

He was the first law professor to teach in the honors college and helped to establish a relationship between the honors college and the law school.

Sullivan Gonzales currently serves as the dean of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College.

“John Czarnetzky delightfully engages our students with his wit and wisdom,” Gonzales said. “His voracious appetite for fiction and his legal expertise make him the near-perfect scholar for the budding citizens of the honors college. What a pleasure it is to work with such a great human being.”

Czarnetzky serves as an advisor to the Business Law Institute, a collaboration between students and faculty that helps students to develop their skills in corporate, commercial, tax and business law.

Czarnetzky also advises the St. Thomas More society. He directed the law school’s Cambridge Summer Session for eight years. In addition, he is a legal advisor to the Holy See mission to the United Nations.

Jess Waltman is the president of the UM Law School student body. Throughout his under-



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John Czarnetzky poses for a photo in the Grove Wednesday afternoon.

graduate years and now in law school, Waltman has taken a total of six of Czarnetzky’s courses. Walkman said this is because Czarnetzky has such a gift for engaging students.

Deborah Bell currently serves as the interim dean of the law school.

“John Czarnetzky is widely regarded as one of the law school’s best teachers,” Bell said. “He is a spellbinding speaker and gifted teacher, with the added benefit of being one of the most entertaining lecturers I have ever heard. We are greatly honored to have a law professor chosen for this high recognition.”

Czarnetzky said he loves everything about teaching—from interacting with students to seeing them learn and grow.

“I love the challenge of living up to the expectations students have of a professor,” Czarnetzky said. “I love that I have the opportunity, every day, for a salary, to do what I am best suited to do.”

Ole Miss has always been a special place for Czarnetzky and his wife.

“I love that I get to practice my vocation here, at the University of Mississippi,” Czarnetzky said. “The institution which gave me my life’s calling and, incidentally, where I met my wife.”

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A and B districts.

“If this happens, it will divert taxpayers’ dollars away from our public schools,” Useton said. “This could be very detrimental to the operations of our school district.”

Nancy Loomer, executive director of the Parents’ Campaign, said she believes allowing students from C schools to attend charter schools is harmful to all students. The Parents’ Campaign, based in Jackson, is a nonprofit network of parents, educators and public school supporters.

“We support charter schools for chronically failing schools,” Loomer said. “That does not include C-rated schools. It threatens to weaken good schools by siphoning away state and local funding. It also lessens the chance that students in under-performing schools will have a spot in a charter school because they will have to compete with better-performing students.”

Mississippi has two charter schools, both in Jackson. They opened in August 2015 and are taking tests to measure their progress next week.

Reimagine Prep in Jackson was the first school to open and is a branch of RePublic Schools, which

has seen success in Nashville.

Stanford University’s Center for Research on Education Outcomes ranked RePublic Schools’ branches as the top two charter schools in the state for student growth in 2013. Later in 2014, Nashville Prep and Liberty scholars were in the top 5 percent of the state for growth and absolute performance.

Last week, Tollison visited Reimagine Prep, where many of the students started the year two or more grade levels behind. To make up for lost time, they have a longer school day compared to the traditional public schools. They are in school from about 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to help them catch up in a safe environment.

“It’s really inspiring,” Tollison said. “They are excited about being there – excited about learning.”



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Senator Gray Tollison stands in his law office on the Oxford Square last week.

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Law school holds session on incarceration in the South

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The second UM conference on Rethinking Mass Incarceration in the South ends April 16 at the Khayat Law Center after three days of sessions. Sponsored by a host of University departments, offices and centers, the conference has targeted the South’s continuance to lead the nation in imprisonment rates. Conversations will entail issues and problems created, stemmed and sustained from the mass incarceration system. Issues in this year’s dialogue will include racial bias, discriminatory sentencing, state violence, sexual abuse, medical neglect, privatization and post-release challenges. Other sessions will focus on a range of topics from prison educa-

tion and activism to strategies to prevent the system from treating juveniles as adults. The sessions begin 9 a.m. in the Khayat Law Center. Friday’s sessions will begin at 1 p.m. and will include a discussion of topics such as literature and art inside prisons and implementing higher education in prisons across the South. The evening will end with the keynote speech “Black Lives Matter and the End of Mass Incarceration.” According to a statement from the event sponsor, the Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies, the conference goal is to share not only “knowledge, experiences and scholarship,” but also to “develop action plans aimed at radically transforming the South’s legal and incarceration systems.” VOX Press is a 501 corporation and three arts organization based

in Oxford. The Prison Writes Institute, a branch of VOX’s educational outreach program, will contribute Saturday by demonstrating its initiative and holding a panel called “Teaching Liberal Arts Classes in Mississippi Prisons.” Louis Bourgeois is the founder and instructor for Prison Writes and executive director of VOX Press. “I want people to learn firsthand the immediate and quite real impact our classes have had on the lives of our incarcerated students,” Bourgeois said. Bourgeois hopes the initiative will be successful in promoting a healthier and more aware society. The panel Saturday will feature one of the program’s students who was recently released from the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility in Pearl. During the same session, at 5:30 p.m., American University’s Washington College of Law Professor Brenda V. Smith is giving the McClure Lecture entitled “Healing the Wounds of Mass Incarceration: Reflections, Strategies and the Way Forward.” Smith is an expert on issues affecting women in prison, such as



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Brenda Smith will speak at the conference on Saturday.

sexual abuse. She plans to discuss the collective wounds people suffer not in terms in history, but as a result of the lack of justice. “When discussing the situations of mass incarceration, intolerance and poverty, Mississippi is a stand-in for all of the issues oc-

curing across the nation,” Smith said. “In order to heal the wounds we are talking about both in Mississippi and in other parts of the country, we must name or diagnose the problem, accept its existence, claim responsibility, make amends and never forget.”

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riety of events students are able to attend. “We try to plan our events in a way that they engage a broad audience and incorporate many different entities on campus so it really is a community-wide celebration of sustainability,” McDonald said. McDonald said they try to touch on many different topics and issues so the week’s events are comprehensive and educational. McDonald explained that the office tries to touch on many different topics and issues so the week’s events are comprehensive and educational. All of the projects included in the week are funded by the UM Green Fund. Some of the other events taking place during the week include a

panel discussion, film screening and the sustainability fair. The fair takes place every year as a fun and interactive way for students to learn more about sustainability at Ole Miss, complete with vendor and organization participation. Kelli Coleman junior biology is also a Green Week intern. She said the sustainability fair is an informative opportunity. “The goal of the fair is to offer a wide range of information for anyone wanting to learn more about sustainability on campus and in our community,” Coleman said. Coleman said Green Week is an opportunity to spread the word about environmental issues and create a call to action. On Thursday, the day will begin with “Brunch and Bloom”, a brunch starting at 11 a.m. in the UM Campus Garden. Poet and novelist Linda Hogan will end the

day as the week’s keynote speaker. She will be speaking 7 p.m. Thursday in the Ford Center with a talk titled, “Speaking Earth.” The week will conclude the following weekend with an Earth Day and nature and yoga hike Friday with separate sunrise and sunset sessions, an Arbor Day tree planting at noon across from Brevard Hall and finish with a sustainable Oxford potluck 6 to 8 p.m. April 24 at the Powerhouse. For Scott, Green Week is an expression of the values by which he lives. “Green Week is a celebration of all my favorite values,” Scott said. “Sustainability is a non-partisan, unifying issue that we can all agree with. Sustainability is a commitment to environmental well-being, economic prosperity and personal health. At the end of the day, it’s simply about making our community a place to live.”

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End of All Music celebrates fifth Record Store Day

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Some holidays are just better than others. Those who love getting dressed up and being creative probably give Halloween their top spot. Those who love being around family, eating and passing out as they watch the Detroit Lions lose will lean toward Thanksgiving.

But for music lovers, for people who love the sound of a needle dropping into a groove on a record, Record Store Day is a treasured holiday. Those in Oxford can attend Record Store Day at The End of All Music record store, starting Saturday at 10 a.m.

Record Store Day was conceived in 2007 by a group of independent record store owners.

“It’s meant to celebrate the community surrounding independent record stores and the fact that communities have independent record stores,” said David Swider, owner of Oxford’s own independent record store The End of All Music. “The founders of Record Store Day decided that the best way to do that was to put out a bunch of records and have them only be available at independent record stores.”

“I’m definitely looking forward

to Record Store Day,” said Alice McKelvey, a journalism student who writes about and produces a running local music playlist. “I’m a big supporter of buying local, and as a fan of music, it just makes sense to combine the two.”

The concept benefits both sides of the record store business. Customers get the chance to purchase super-limited releases unavailable anywhere else, and independent record stores are able to draw large crowds to their store to celebrate a strong music culture.

“It’s kind of a cool way to remind people, ‘Hey, we’re here. We have something you can’t get anywhere else and we’re proud to be a part of this

community and to celebrate,” Swider said.

The End of All Music treats the holiday as more of a block party than a day with limited releases.

The store will feature live music from local artists Bonus and Talbot Adams. Local artist and shop-neighbor to End of All Music Len Clark will be featuring music-related artwork and having an open house just next door. Raffles

will be held throughout the day in “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” fashion, with golden tickets being hidden throughout the store. Those who are lucky enough to find a golden ticket could walk away with brand new powered speakers, headphones or tickets to upcoming concerts at The Lyric . Not to mention that there will also be free food and beer from Yalobusha Brewing Company for those of age.

Although End of All Music treats Record Store Day as an excuse to throw a great party, if you’re there to get one specific record, Swider recommends showing up early.

“It’s first come first serve,” Swider said in regard to the limited releases.

(Photo by: Ariel Cobbert)

Vinyl copies lay out on a table for customers to see.

Once a record is out, it’s out. When asked how early some people show up to be sure they can walk out with their favorite record, Swider said he showed up last year at 8 a.m. to people in tents out front who had camped out the night before.

“I don’t know if that will happen this year or not, but you never know. I didn’t think it would last year, and yet there were people in tents,” Swider said.

The store will open at 10 a.m.; Swider said that last year at 8 a.m. there were about 50 people lined up outside the door. This year, the first five lined up outside will be allowed to enter the store five minutes before everyone else, giving a little incentive to those who want to ensure they leave with their favorite record.

“It’s gotten better every year,” Swider said. “I’ve made tons of new friends and they all come by on Record Store Day. Even if they don’t buy anything, it’s just nice to see people and have a beer with them, talking about records.”



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Man, was it a great 2015-2016 NBA season.

In what many called a record that was unbreakable, the Golden State Warriors defied all odds and finished the season 73-9, breaking the 1995-1996 Chicago Bulls' record of 72-10.

"There is definitely a relief to just be finished with it," Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green said. "But now the real stuff starts, so we have a whole 'nother challenge, and that relief doesn't happen until you win a championship."

This season also concluded the career of an NBA legend, Kobe Bryant. The five-time champion scored 60 points in his final

NBA game on Wednesday. Bryant changed the game of basketball with his toughness and the fear he instilled in opposing teams' eyes.

With Kobe Bryant closing out the season in style, it's now time for the NBA Playoffs, where 15 teams all have their eyes set on overthrowing the Warriors.

Here are all of my previews and predictions for the first-round matchups:

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1. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS VS. 8. HOUSTON ROCKETS

In a rematch of the 2015 Western Conference Finals, we get to see another matchup of Stephen Curry vs. James Harden. With the Warriors setting the NBA record for 73 wins in a season, expect Golden State to look a little

fatigued at times in this series. Houston is riding a three-game winning streak into the playoffs and are looking to capitalize off of Golden State's tired legs. Houston is the one team that can run up and down the court with the Warriors. However, they didn't have any success in the regular season as the Dubs swept them 4-0. Expect this to be a fun series, but pretty one-sided.

Prediction: Golden State in 5

2. SAN ANTONIO SPURS VS. 7. MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES

The Memphis Grizzlies suited up an NBA record 28 players this season and still made the playoffs. It's unfortunate that the Grizzlies aren't going into the playoffs with Mike Conley and Marc Gasol, but every team gets the injury bug every now and then like Oklahoma

City last year. The San Antonio Spurs are coming into this series well-rested with the mindset of sweeping the Grizzlies. If the Grizzlies have any chance in this series, they've got to trust Lance Stephenson and put him in the starting lineup. Outside of Zach Randolph, Stephenson is the only hope of Memphis rejuvenating any offense. As a Grizzlies fan, I don't want to see a sweep, but asking for one win is a tall task.

Prediction: San Antonio in 4

3. OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER VS. 6. DALLAS MAVERICKS

All eyes will be on Kevin Durant this postseason as many expect him to leave the Thunder if OKC doesn't make the Western Conference Finals. The Thunder would've preferred to play the Memphis Grizzlies in this spot as Dallas has several veterans such as Dirk Nowitzki and Deron Williams that could give the Thunder trouble. All-Star point guard Russell Westbrook led the NBA in triple-doubles this season and he's in a prime position to dominate a Dallas team that lacks athleticism on the wing. This series could get interesting if Dallas steals one on the road, but I don't expect the Thunder to have to sweat much.

Prediction: Oklahoma in 5

4. LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS VS. 5. PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS

The 4 versus 5 matchup is always the series that has the most upset potential. In the preseason, the Portland Trailblazers were expected to finish towards the bottom of the league after the Blazers lost four starters over the offseason. Damian Lillard took the critics to heart and proved everyone wrong as he, alongside sharpshooter C.J. McCollum, led Portland to a shocking season. Los Angeles just got Blake Griffin back from a quad injury as they look to work him back into shape in this series. This could be a very interesting series as Portland can score the ball very well, but in the end I think the experience of the Clippers will be too much for Portland to overcome.

Prediction: Los Angeles in 6

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8. DETROIT PISTONS

LeBron James begins his quest to make the NBA Finals for the sixth straight season as the Cavs open up with a tough first-round matchup against the young and hungry Detroit Pistons. The Pistons have been significantly better since they acquired former Magic forward Tobias Harris at the trade deadline. The Cavs are going into the postseason fully healthy and many experts project them to slice their way through the East without much trouble. However, this Detroit team is just as good as any team in the East and they could stir up trouble with their athleticism and strong rebounding. Expect this to be a tougher series than expected for Cleveland.

Prediction: Cleveland in 5

2. TORONTO RAPTORS VS. 7. INDIANA PACERS

The Raptors won a franchise record 56 games during the regular season and finally seem like they are ready to take the next leap. However, they are going up against an experienced Pacers team, led by the humble Paul George, who is back in the playoffs for the first time since breaking his leg. This series has the potential to go down to the wire as both of these teams are similar in a lot of ways. In the end, Toronto matches up better defensively and should be able to dominate inside as the Pacers don't have a strong frontcourt. It's going to take Paul George to average 30 plus in this series, but even that may not be enough.

Prediction: Toronto in 6

3. MIAMI HEAT VS. 6. CHARLOTTE HORNETS

The Miami Heat got a great seed in the playoffs as they could potentially avoid the Cleveland Cavaliers until the conference finals. However, their first-round opponent is against one of the hottest teams in the league, the Charlotte Hornets. Kemba Walker and Nic Batum have brought a new culture to this Hornets team and Miami is in for a tough series. The Heat aren't expected to have Chris Bosh back in this series as he is still dealing with a heart issue. Both of these teams match up very well against each other and this could also be a series that goes till the very end. When it's all said and done, I think Dwyane Wade

and Joe Johnson lead the Heat to the victory with their experience.

Prediction: Miami in 7

4. ATLANTA HAWKS VS. 5. BOSTON CELTICS

A lot of people are sleeping on the Atlanta Hawks just like every season. The Hawks are led by their front court of Al Horford and Paul Milsap who cause nightmare matchups for opposing teams. On the other hand, Isaiah Thomas and the Shamrocks are one of the most exciting teams in the

league. Boston just doesn't have a go-to scorer besides Thomas that can get a bucket down the stretch. With all of the key defenders Atlanta has, I think they can stop Boston in four quarters during this series to advance to the next round.

Prediction: Atlanta in 6

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The Rebel line up for Friday’s away game in Tuscaloosa

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Ole Miss hits the road to Tuscaloosa this weekend to face Alabama in a three-game series in its new, fully-renovated Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The Rebels were swept in their last trip in 2014.

Ole Miss completed a much-needed sweep of Arkansas last weekend before falling 5-1 to Southern Miss on Wednesday night in a midweek matchup.

On The Mound

Friday night will feature a pair of junior right-handers in Brady Bramlett for Ole Miss and Geoffrey Bramblett for Alabama. Bramlett is coming off of his best start of the year for the Rebels. He threw seven innings of threw-hit baseball and struck out six in Ole Miss’ first Friday night win in SEC play.

“He was really, really good tonight,” Ole Miss Head Coach Mike Bianco said. “He was just really able to use all four pitches.”

Bianco called it his best start of the year.

Bramlett improved to 5-2 on the year with the win. Low-scoring games are the theme on Friday nights in the SEC and the Rebels will need another strong outing from their ace if they wish to win this one.

Alabama’s Bramblett enters the game with a 3-1 record and a 2.39 ERA. He earned a win in the series finale against Ole Miss a year ago, going seven innings, surrendering three runs on eight hits and striking out six batters.

Ole Miss has struggled on Friday nights so far in the SEC, and playing on the road will make it even more important if the Rebels were to grab the first game of this series.

The Saturday job appears to be David Parkinson’s to lose at this point for Ole Miss. He earned a win in his first start last weekend as the Rebels went with a new-look rotation. The sophomore left-hander went 5.1 innings and allowed just one run on three hits, and gave Mike Bianco more than enough confidence to send him back out this weekend.

Jake Walters, a sophomore righty, will start on Saturday for Alabama. He boasts a 2-3 record with a 2.43 ERA this season. Walters had the best outing of any Alabama starter in last year’s series in Oxford, going seven innings and allowed a run on six hits. But it came in a loss as he was outlasted by Bramlett who went a career-high of 7.1 innings while scattering four hits without allowing a run in Ole Miss’ game two win a year ago.

Walters will be a tougher counterpart for Parkinson to go against than he faced last weekend.

Ole Miss went TBA for the second weekend in a row, and a third time this year when listing its game three starter. However, it seems clearer after last weekend that Bianco will throw junior left-hander and former closer Wyatt Short, if he is not needed, out of the bullpen in the first two games. Short went 4.1 innings last week and allowed three runs on six hits, and did not factor in the decision. Short, who has been dominant at



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Brady Bramlett pitches in a game earlier this season against Arkansas. Bramlett will start Friday night against Alabama in a crucial series.

times, admitted after that game he was not feeling his best going into the start.

“Both, honestly. I just wasn’t feeling my best,” Short said after his first start since high school. “My arm wasn’t feeling

the best, but I made some pitches and Coach B stuck in there with me.”

He did what a Sunday starter is supposed to do, and that is give your team a chance to win in the late innings, which the

Rebels did.

Alabama will start Nick Eicholtz, another junior right-hander. He currently has a 2-1 Mark with a 2.51 ERA.

Offense

The Ole Miss offense came to life last weekend in a 29-run outburst. A team that struggled to find offense for a stretch this year have a number of different guys trending in a positive direction.

Errol Robinson has multiple hits in five of his last six games and has pulled his batting average up some 50 points during that stretch. Henri Lartigue leads all SEC catchers with a .361 batting average, and J.B. Woodman is 15-31 with runners in scoring position this year. Tate Blackman is also riding an eight-game hitting streak going into this series.

Analysis

This is a really big series for both teams. Each club sits two games back of first in the SEC West and are two of four teams with a 6-6 SEC record, jockeying for position and trying to jump Texas A&M and Mississippi state at the top of the division.

Last week’s sweep got Ole Miss back on the right trajectory. This team has everything to play for and all of its goals at the beginning of the year are still out there for the taking. Good teams, teams that host regionals and earn national seeds find ways to win series like this on the road. It will be a great test for a ball club that has seemingly found its footing again, and I think they will find a way to pull two wins.

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